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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System welcomes hospitalists Trae Brotherton III, DO; Chad McCormick, MD; and James Williams, DO, as new Saint Francis Medical Partners. They join 11 other hospitalists in providing expert, dedicated care to hospitalized patients at the Medical Center.

Brotherton, a Jackson native, earned his medical degree from A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Mo. He holds a wide variety of clinical interests, including hematology and infectious diseases, which is why he chose a physician role that allows him to treat the whole patient.

McCormick, a Kelso native, earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia, Mo. He later completed his internal medicine/pediatrics residency at the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Mo. His clinical interests include critical care, pediatrics, infectious diseases and internal medicine.

Williams, a Cape Girardeau native, earned his medical degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Mo. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Mo. His clinical interests include helping patients manage chronic disease, diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as sepsis management.

“We are happy to welcome these three physicians back to Southeast Missouri, where they grew up,” says Steven C. Bjelich, FACHE-D, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Francis Healthcare System. “They will now be part of a team that is committed to reducing stay length, lowering costs and improving care for patients.”

Hospitalists are doctors at Saint Francis Medical Center who focus on the general medical care of hospitalized patients. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Medical Center hospitalists are dedicated to coordinating and managing the healthcare needs of each patient from admission to discharge. Hospitalists help ensure a seamless continuum of care among primary care doctors, physician specialists and inpatient care providers.

To learn more about Dr. Brotherton, Dr. McCormick or Dr. Williams, or a hospitalist’s role, visit [sfmc.net](http://sfmc.net) or call 573-331-3996.

Saint Francis Medical Center is a 308-bed facility serving more than 713,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and values, the Medical Center has become a progressive, innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis’ major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region’s first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III Trauma Center; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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